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SUBJECT: AMERICAN BASKETBALL SPECIALIST - WILLIE LOVING

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SUMMARY: COSTING OF MOGADISCIO CU GRANT FND POST REQUEST FOR
INCREASE IN ALLOTMENT

1. GSDR PREPARED PROVIDE LOVING SAME SUPPORT PROVIDED PRED-
CESSOR TOBIAS.

2. ON CLOSER EXAMINATION, POST COMPELLED REQUEST DEPARTMENT
INCREASE CURRENT CU GRANT FROM DOLS 20 THOUSAND TO DOLS 24
THOUSAND. REQUEST BASED ON RECENT SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED
LOCAL LIVING COSTS AND INITIAL COSTS ATTENDANT TO SETTLING
IN OF GRANTEE LOVING. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN
OF ESTIMATED COSTS.

3. (A) HOUSING (AT \$300 PER MONTH), \$3,600; (B) UTILITIES
(ELECTRICITY, WATER, COOKING GAS, GARBAGE DISPOSAL, MAINTENANCE,
ETC. AT \$200 PER MONTH), \$2,400; (C) AIR TRAVEL, TEXAS TO
MOGADISCIO \$938; (D) TWENTY TWO POUNDS EXCESS ACCOMPANIED
BAGGADE \$120; (E) AIR FREIGHT (-50 POUNDS) \$650; (F) MISCELL-
ANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED LOCALLY (WATER
HEATERS, INSTALLATION, WATER FILTERS, CURTAINS, CLEANING
EQUIPMENT, ETC.) \$600; (G) FOUR DAYS CONSULTATION IN ADDIS
ABABA WITH USIA REGIONAL YOUTH OFFICER WHITFIELD, \$245.
(POST PROPOSES LOVING TRAVEL BE ROUTED VIA ADDIS ABABA FOR
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FINAL BRIEFINGS WITH WHITFIELD ON MOGADISCIO ASSIGNMENT.

WHITFIELD, FORMER LONG-TIME MOGADISCIO RESIDENT, HAS BEEN IN LAST FEW WEEKS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMALI MINISTRY OF SPORTS AND CAN PROVIDE VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER GUIDANCE HELP INSURE SUCCESS OF GRANT PROGRAM).

4. POST RECOMMENDS STIPEND OF AT LEAST \$15,000. THIS LEAVES DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,653. POST RECOMMENDS FIGURE BE ROUNDED TO \$4,000 COVER POSSIBILITY OF SLIPPAGE IN SOME OF ABOVE ESTIMATES.

5. LOVING SHOULD BE ADVISED INCLUDE IN AIR FREIGHT COMPLETE SET KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, ALL UTENSILS HE PLANS USE PLUS OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF PERSONAL USE. MANY SUCH ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY, AND SUCH AS ARE AVAILABLE LIKELY TO BE UNSATISFACTORY. OFFICIAL POUCH SHOULD BE USED EXTENT POSSIBLE IN FORWARDING EDUCATIONAL AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAM.

6. LOVING SHOULD BE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL MAKE OUTLAY PURCHASE VEHICLE. MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT NEEDS OUTSIDE MOGADISCIO, BUT LOVING WILL FIND ACCESS TO PERSONAL VEHICLE FOR MOVING ABOUT IN THE CITY GREAT CONVENIENCE. DILS ONE THOUSAND SHOULD BE ENOUGH WITH CERTAINTY OF RESALE ON DEPARTURE.

7. SUGGEST INITIAL TERM OF GRANT BE SIX MONTHS TO ALLOW FOR CONVENIENCE OF CHANGE-OVER DURING SUMMER MONTHS IF NECESSARY, WITH OPTION FOR LOVING CONTINUE THROUGH ENTIRE YEAR IF BOTH PARTIES AGREE.

8. REQUEST ADVISE.
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